

Minutes of the General Assembly, Lersøgrøftens Integrationsbyhaver, 2017

1. Election of the chairperson of the meeting, keeper of minutes and vote counters

Anette Thorsen elected as meeting chairperson. Signe and Jaleh elected as vote counters. Karina Krammer elected as keeper of minutes.

The chairperson determined that the general meeting was legally convened.

2. Annual report

- Presentation of preliminary research results.
 - Søren Christensen, UCSJ, has studied the gardens during the past season. He will present his preliminary results. The purpose of this is for us to learn about who we are.
 - Questions and debate
- Chairperson's report
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 - Approval of report

Chairperson's report:

The board has prepared material about the association; fact sheets, pamphlets and political presentations. The board has cooperated well. There has been increased traffic on the homepage.

The board has increased awareness of the association's neighbours, both garden associations and local committees, which has lead to better and more constructive cooperation and dialogue.

There have been challenges with unwanted guests in the gardens, who have for example, made bonfires and stolen water tanks. The association is cooperating with our neighbours to, amongst other things, prevent crime.

The association is part of an urban garden network. Bispebjerg Lokaludvalg have been a great supporter and have, for example, talked about granting money for water and toilets in the area.

The chairperson participated in a 'listening meeting' with Morten Kabell, where he raised the problem of the associations' temporary contract with the

municipality. (The contracts must be renegotiated every two years.) The chairperson has invested a lot of energy in trying to make the contract permanent, and will help the new board continue this work.

There were 6 garden work days with registration for participation.

Water is still a challenge. In 2016 water was delivered as needed, and Tobias has negotiated a better deal, so the association has saved a lot of money on water. It meant that there were a few days where the tanks were completely empty.

The glass house is being used to grow tomatoes and middle eastern cucumbers, and can also be used for germination.

The board has bought a kitchen and a pavilion (with a grant of 30.000 kroner from Bispebjerg Lokaludvalg), and cooking has been introduced on activity days, which has been lovely.

Project gardens have been established in cooperation with young people working with sustainability and ecology.

Søren Christensen, garden researcher at UCSJ, held an urban gardening symposium. He has received a scholarship to study urban gardens, based on Lersøgrøftens Integrationsbyhaver.

The board has brought forward the payment of membership fees, so members can start their gardening season early, and to allow membership clarity at the time of the general assembly.

Almost every garden on both lists have been allotted, which is a success.

Debate:

Magdalena: Important the gardens get permanent status, question about organic cultivation.

Erik: The district plan expires in 2019, and it states that there must be allotments in the area. Organic cultivation means no use of artificial fertilizers or pesticides, which is why the association buys horse manure every year as fertilizer.

Signe: Has the soil been studied?

Lisbeth: What has happened with the original plan of creating recreational areas and extending the gardens to 60 square meters?

Erik: Refers to a vision plan from the time of the associations creation in 2012, which is still in force, however the challenge is getting a permanent contract so the association can use the entire area. At the same time, all members must be in agreement if the gardens are to be enlarged and redivided. It is possible to build playgrounds, plant bushes, etc. in the current communal areas. Regarding the soil analysis, all gardening soil in Copenhagen must be new, which is why half a meter of soil was spread above the original soil.

Jens: Why can't we get a permanent contract with the municipality?

Erik: The municipality often lets temporary projects run in areas they don't have plans for. They have discussed building a bridge over, or tunnel under, the train tracks - there is however no planning or funding for that as yet.

Decision: The report was approved unanimously. Item 2a is deleted due to illness. Work is underway to plan a member event with Søren Christensen at a later date.

3. Accounting

- Presentation of accounts
- If applicable, the accountant's review
- Approval of consolidated accounts

The accountant has approved the accounts without comment.

Decision: The accounts were approved unanimously.

4. Consideration of motions received

5. Statute amendments

The Board has found it necessary to amend our Articles of Association. Several wordings and regulations are outdated and do not fit current practice. Motions are reviewed, debated and reconciled. Suggested changes can be found by following this link: <https://goo.gl/8ZVPZB>

It is recommended that a committee be set up for the review of the Code of Conduct, Articles of Association and the like, for presentation at the next general assembly.

Resolution:

The Board of Directors recommended voting on each section separately.

§ 1: Unanimously adopted

§ 2: Unanimously adopted § 2.1: Unanimously adopted § 2.2: Unanimously adopted § 2.3: Unanimously adopted § 2.4: Unanimously adopted § 2.5: Unanimously adopted

§ 3: Unanimously adopted

§ 4: Remains unchanged

§ 5: Unanimously adopted

§ 6 and 7: Remains unchanged

§ 8: Unanimously adopted

§ 9: Unanimously adopted

Comments on § 9: Several members opposed Section 9.7 because they believe it prevents the entrance of new members. There is a need to work on the waiting list issue prior to the next general assembly.

§10 - 14: Remain unchanged

§15: Unanimously adopted

§ 15.1: Unanimously adopted. Appendix 1: The amendments to Appendix 1 fall by 14 votes in favor and 9 against.

The chairperson decides that the general assembly jumps straight to paragraphs 9 and 10 because of time concerns.

6. Garden work days (dates and guidelines)

How many days should there be? 4, 5 or 6 work days? Debate.

Presentation of suggested activity dates:

- Sunday, 2nd of April (Opening of the gardens)
- Sunday, 30th of April (Great Digging Day)
- Sunday, 11th of June
- Sunday, 13th of August
- Sunday, 1st of October (Yearly closing of the gardens)

Establishment of working day committees.

Checklists for activity day participation are voted on.

Decisions are made on the size of penalties under the statutes for non-participation in garden work days.

7. Water

We have spent approx. 15.000kr on water, primarily because of Tobias' hard work. He has taken responsibility for ordering water when the tanks are empty. This has reduced our water bill substantially. If we wish to keep the amount low, this work must be continued.

Debate, decision on and establishment of water committee with water ordering responsibilities.

8. Our kitchen

How to manage the mobile kitchen we have received.

9. Budget approval

- Presentation of budget
- Decision on membership subscription fee
- Approval of total budget

Waiting list fee:

Suggestion: 100kr at sign-up and yearly thereafter.

Membership fee:

Proposal from Kristian Lytken: 300kr.

Proposal from the retiring board: 400kr.

Proposal from the retiring board: 500kr.

Decision: Waiting list fee set at 100 kr. (Unanimously adopted).

Membership fee set at 500 kr. (0 votes for 300 kr., 0 votes for 400 kr.) Budget approved with one amendment - the income from the garden membership fee of 75.000kr. will be adjusted to reflect the new fee amount (unanimously adopted).

10. Election:

- 5 board members to be elected
- Election of alternate(s) to the board of directors
- Election of accountant and alternate accountant

Decision: Board Members elected: Cindy (non-DK), Ylva Hårdemark (non-DK), Magdalena (non-DK), Jens Juel Jensen (DK) and Kirsten Junker Birch (DK).

Alternates elected: Gitte Juhl (DK) and Isam (non-DK). Accountant elected: Erik Ari Wolter Rosenberg. Alternate accountant: Anders Søberg.

The meeting chairperson concludes that it wasn't possible to get through the agenda within the allotted time. Points 6, 7 og 8 are waived.

11.Miscellaneous